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<b>Office Action Summary</b>	<b>Application No.</b> 09/644,151	<b>Applicant(s)</b> DUNNE ET AL.	
	<b>Examiner</b> Joy K. Contee	<b>Art Unit</b> 2686	

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#### Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 04 February 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**.                      2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

#### Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

#### Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

#### Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All    b) ☐ Some \*    c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- \* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

#### Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)                                            | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)<br>Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
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## DETAILED ACTION

### *Response to Arguments*

1. Applicant's arguments with respect to claim\*\*\* have been considered but are moot in view of the new grounds of rejection.

### *Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102*

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

3. Claims 1,4,5,11,14,15 and 16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Henry et al. (Henry), US 6,157,845.

Regarding claims 1 and 11, Henry discloses a broadcast system (and method) for communicating a broadcast message in a telecommunications system having at least one fixed terminal for communication with one or more portable terminals, said broadcast system including:

first transmitter means for transmitting a first message from the or each fixed terminal directly to the one or more portable terminals, the message including information specifying a channel, selected for that fixed terminal, to convey the broadcast message (col. 10, line 66 to col. 11, line 17 and col. 12, line 14-18);

control means for causing the or each portable terminal to receive  
on the specified broadcast message channel (col. 12,lines 33-46); and

second transmitter means for transmitting from the fixed terminal directly to the  
one or more portable terminals the broadcast message on the said specified broadcast  
message channel for reproduction of the broadcast message by the or each portable  
terminal, wherein the broadcast message channel is connectionless (col. 12,lines 14-  
46).

Regarding claims 4 and 14, Henry discloses a broadcast system in accordance  
with claims 1 and 11, wherein the selected channel inherently supports a  
connectionless downlink bearer (col. 12,lines 33-46).

Regarding claims 5 and 15, Henry discloses a broadcast system in accordance  
with claims 1 and 11 wherein the first message is transmitted as a short page message  
(col. 14,lines 1-11).

***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103***

4. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all  
obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

5. Claims 6,9,16 and 19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable  
over Henry, in view of Hashimoto et al. (Hashimoto), U.S. Patent No. 5,255,308,  
previously used.

Regarding claims 6 and 16, Henry discloses a broadcast system in accordance with claims 1 and 11. Henry fails to disclose the limitations of claims 6 and 16.

In a similar field of endeavor, Hashimoto discloses:

means for assigning each portable terminal with a broadcast group identity (col.2,line 55 to col.3,line 13);

means for including broadcast group identity information in the first message (col. 3, lines 13-23); and

means for causing the or each portable terminal to receive on the specified broadcast channel only if the said portable terminal has an assigned broadcast group identity that corresponds to the broadcast group identity transmitted in the first message (col.3,lines 28-39).

At the time of the invention it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to modify Henry to include means for assigning each portable terminal with a broadcast group identity for the purpose of identifying members in a simulcast group.

Regarding claims 9 and 19, Henry discloses a broadcast system in accordance with claims 1 and 11 and fails to disclose the limitations of claims 9 and 19.

Hashimoto further discloses:

means for assigning each portable terminal with a broadcast group identifier (col. 2,line 55 to col.3,line 13);

means for including broadcast group identity information in the first message (col. 3,lines 13-23); and

means for causing the or each portable terminal to receive on the specified broadcast channel only if the said portable terminal has an assigned broadcast group identity that corresponds to the broadcast group identity transmitted in the first message, wherein the broadcast message is initiated at and originates at a portable terminal in communication with the at least one fixed terminal of the system, and the broadcast group identity information in the first message is selected and originates at the said portable terminal (col.3,line 28-39).

At the time of the invention it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to modify Henry to include means for assigning each portable terminal with a broadcast group identity for the purpose of identifying members in a simulcast group.

6. Claims 2,3,7,8,10,12,13,17,18 and 20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Henry, in further view of Subhankar, U.S. Patent No. 6,112,097, previously used.

Regarding claims 2 and 12, Henry discloses a broadcast system in accordance with claims 1 and 11 but fails to disclose wherein the selected channel is established on a DECT physical channel.

In a similar field of endeavor, Subhanker discloses wherein the selected channel is established on a DECT physical channel (col. 1,lines 51-58).

At the time of the invention it would have been obvious to one ordinary skill in the art to modify Hashimoto to include a DECT physical channel in order to interconnect a fixed part of the radio to the other mobile radios.

Regarding claims 3 and 13, Henry discloses a broadcast system in accordance with claims 1 and 11 but fails to disclose wherein the selected channel supports a DECT simplex bearer.

In a similar field of endeavor, Subhanker discloses wherein the selected channel supports a DECT simplex bearer (col.1, lines 51-58).

At the time of the invention it would have been obvious to one ordinary skill in the art to modify Hashimoto to include a DECT physical channel in order to interconnect a fixed part of the radio to the other mobile radios.

Regarding claims 7 and 17, Henry discloses a broadcast system in accordance with claims 6 and 11 but fails to disclose wherein the broadcast group identity information is expressed as a DECT group temporary portable user identity (TPIU).

Subhanker further discloses wherein the broadcast group identity information is expressed as a DECT group temporary portable user identity (TPIU) (col. 7, lines 30-36).

At the time of the invention it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to modify Hashimoto to include a group of temporary portable user identities in order to provide flexibility if fixed parts are unavailable.

.Regarding claims 8 and 18, Henry discloses a broadcast system in accordance with claims 1 and 11 but fails to disclose wherein the broadcast message is initiated at and originates at a portable terminal in communication with the at least one fixed terminal of the system.

Subhanker further discloses wherein the broadcast message is initiated at and originates at a portable terminal in communication with the at least one fixed terminal of the system (col.3,line 65 to col.4,line 8).

At the time of the invention it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to modify Hashimoto to include at least one broadcast message of the multiplicity is initiated at and originates at a portable terminal in order to centralized operations.

Regarding claims 10 and 20, Henry discloses a broadcast system in accordance with claims 1 and 11 but fails to discloses means for periodic transmission of the first message for the duration of the broadcast message to allow portable terminals to roam into geographical areas covered by a different fixed terminal and to receive the broadcast from the different fixed terminal.

Subhanker further discloses means for periodic transmission of the first message for the duration of the broadcast message to allow portable terminals to roam into geographical areas covered by a different fixed terminal and to receive the broadcast from the different fixed terminal (col. 3,lines 38-53).

At the time of the invention it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to modify Hashimoto to include portables roaming into geographical areas covered by different fixed terminals in order to allow users to move across the border.

### ***Conclusion***

7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Joy K. Contee whose telephone number is



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571.272.7906. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday, 5:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Marsha Banks-Harold can be reached on 571.272.7905. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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